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SUBJECT: INDONESIA SENDS AI SAMPLES TO JAPAN

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(C) Japanese Embassy DCM Satoru Satoh told the Charge on May 10 that avian influenza (AI) samples from three Indonesian patients arrived at Japan's WHO collaborating center in Tokyo the morning of May 10. Satoh said Japan had signed no bilateral document covering the transfer, but expected to sign in the near future some sort of WHO document setting out the terms of AI sample transfers. Satoh noted the Ministry of Health has asked Japan not to publicize the sample transfer since Minister of Health Fadillah Supari plans to announce the resumption of AI sample sharing in a speech at the World Health Assembly the week of May 14. Likewise, the USG should make no public statement on the shipment of samples until Supari has made her announcement.
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